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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month in the amount of \$110.00 is hereby requested to respond to a Final Office Action mailed on September 6, 2002, a reply to which was due on December 6, 2002. The due date with the extension is now January 6, 2003.

The requisite fee of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed by check. Also credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 for any under or over payments, respectively for such sum.

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